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## **City of Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department Establishes Ideal Park Fund to Support Restoration Efforts**

**WYOMING, Michigan, July 20, 2015** – The City of Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Greater Wyoming Community Resource Alliance, has established a fund to support restoration of Ideal Park in the wake of a tornado that severely damaged the park last July.

Clean up has already cost the City \$511,446. An additional \$268,204 in funding has been projected to complete the clean up for a total of \$779,650.

The master plan for the park's redevelopment has been approved by City Council. The redesigned master plan has a construction cost estimate of \$3,114,577. Notable investments include:

- A new maintenance class bridge and drive with a budgeted cost of \$750,000
- A restroom building with a budgeted cost of \$300,000
- A play area with a budgeted cost of \$150,000
- Buck Creek naturalization with a budgeted cost of \$100,000
- Art deco bridge restoration with a budgeted cost of \$50,000

More than 98 percent of trees in Ideal Park were destroyed by the tornado, many of which were century trees. Tree planting activities in the park are budgeted at more than \$110,000.

"We have received tremendous support and eager interest for Ideal Park redevelopment from our residents and the businesses that operate in the City of Wyoming," Rebecca Rynbrandt, director of community services said. "I look forward to our continued work with community partners in restoring Ideal Park to a gem in the Wyoming parks system."

A charitable fund through the Greater Wyoming Community Resource Alliance, the city's 501(c)3 nonprofit affiliate, has been established to help fundraise for playground equipment, safety surfacing and trees. Donations will never be used to fund maintenance activities. Donations made by check can be made payable to the GWCRA, Ideal Park Fund and mailed to the City of Wyoming, 1155 28<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509. Residents can call the Parks and Recreation office at 530.3164 to make a donation with a Visa or MasterCard.

For further information, call the City of Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department at 530-3164 or visit the City website at [www.wyomingmi.gov](http://www.wyomingmi.gov). Follow the City on Twitter @WyomingCityHall and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CityofWyoming](http://www.facebook.com/CityofWyoming).

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